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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EGYPTIAN METEOROLOGISTS TO NOAA/ERL

REF: (A) CAIRO 5024, (B) CAIRO 3854,

(C) STATE A-7667, DECEMBER 31, 1975

1. THIS RESPONSE TO REF A DUPLICATES AN AIRGRAM RESPONSE TO REF B WHICH WAS DELAYED INADVERTENTLY. REF C INDICATED CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PREPARE FOR SUBJECT VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 28, 1975, NOAA RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM MR. TAHA, HEAD OF EGYPTIAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES, THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM EGYPTIAN METEOROLOGISTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY LAYER PROJECT. AS A RESULT NOAA HAS NO INFORMATION ON WHICH TO ARRANGE THE SUBJECT VISIT.

3. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO VERIFY THAT THEY CAN PURCHASE, WITH AUTHORIZED NOAA PL-480 EGYPTIAN CURRENCY, THE ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TICKETS BETWEEN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ALSO ROUND TRIP DOMESTIC AIRLINE TICKETS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND DENVER, COLORADO. IF EMBASSY CANNOT OBTAIN DOMESTIC LEG TO DENVER, WITH PL-480 FUNDS, EGYPTIANS MUST PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE DEPARTING EGYPT. SEE ITEM 3 OF REF C. ITEM 4 INDICATED THAT NOAA WOULD NOT PROVIDE PER DIEM COSTS.

4. THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS WAS INDICATED IN ITEMS 5 AND 6 OF REF C. A SUMMARY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND OF EACH SCIENTIST SHOULD BE

INCLUDED.

5. TO REDUCE WORKLOAD ON EMBASSY AND TO EXPEDITE COMMUNICATIONS, MR. ABDEL MONEIM SHOULD DIRECT MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE DIRECTLY TO SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFICE, PROGRAM INTEGRATION OFFICE, NOAA, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852. SUCH CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE US EMBASSY.

6. BECAUSE OF LACK OF DIRECT RESPONSE FROM EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS TO ORIGINAL INVITATION, DELAYS IN RESPONSE TO REF C, TIME TO PREPARE TRAVEL ORDERS, AND DIFFICULTY OF ARRANGING BRIEFINGS DURING SUMMER MONTHS, NOAA NOW PROPOSES THAT SUBJECT TRIP BE RESCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 13, 1976. THE REQUIRED INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE PLANNED DEPARTURE. ROBINSON

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